d. subtracting the first output from the second output to get a fifth output;

e. subtracting the third output from the fourth output to get a sixth output;

f. providing an electrical time delay to the fifth output;

g. providing an amplitude gain to the sixth output; and

h. subtracting the fifth output from the sixth output.

Claim 25 (Original). A method for producing a null towards an acoustical driver of a communication device for reducing external acoustic coupling in the communication device, the method comprising the steps of:

a. producing a first first-order difference with a first signal flow processor;

b. producing a second first-order difference with a second signal flow processor;

c. providing an electric time delay to the first first-order difference;

d. providing an amplitude gain to the second first-order difference; and

e. subtracting the first first-order difference from the second first-order difference.

REMARKS

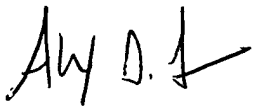
This is a Preliminary Amendment that is being filed subsequent to the filing of the Application. The Preliminary Amendment cancels claim 2 and amends claims 1, 13 and 24. The above amendments to the claims introduce no new matter in the Application. The claims have been amended to clarify the structure of the microphone element. The amendments are supported by the specification at page 6, lines 11 – 14. Applicants believe that all claims of the

Application, as amended, are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Applicants respectfully submit that no additional fee is required to accompany this Preliminary Amendment. In the event that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for additional payment of fees, Applicants authorize any deficiency to be charged to Deposit Account No. 09-0007. When doing so, please refer to our File No. P00747-US-01.

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